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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 20, 2000 (Paper No. 6). A separate petition for the appropriate extension of time to respond is being filed concurrently herewith.

## **REMARKS**

Claims 50-59 are pending in the application. Claims 56 and 59, have been withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner as being directed to a non-elected species. For the Examiner's convenience, the currently pending claims are set forth herein in Appendix A.